



Arkansas Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

First Quarter Milk Production Down 12 Percent from Last Year

Arkansas milk production during the January – March 2016 quarter was 22 million pounds, down 12 percent from the same period in 2015 but up 10 percent from the October - December 2015 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 6,500 head, down 500 head from same period last year and the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the January – March quarter totaled 53 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 5,000 head less than the October –December 2015 quarter, but 7,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Arkansas, and U.S. 2014-2016

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2014	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2014	2015	2016	% Change from '15
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	7.5	7.0	6.5	-7.1	9,216	9,309	9,316	-
2 nd Quarter, April - June	7.5	7.0			9,253	9,321		
3 rd Quarter, July - September	7.5	7.0			9,271	9,315		
4 th Quarter, October - December	7.0	7.0			9,288	9,321		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	24	25	22	-12.0	51,007	51,936	53,038	2.1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	28	26			52,896	53,720		
3 rd Quarter, July - September	22	20			51,176	51,685		
4 th Quarter, October - December	22	20			50,975	51,292		

1 Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2 Excludes milk nursed by calves.

**Milk Production: Arkansas and U.S.
January - March, 2007-2016**

